



## **Alcohol and Tobacco Control State of Louisiana**

### **ATC Suspends Five French Quarter Strip Clubs After Prostitution and Drug Activity Discovered**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**Baton Rouge, La.** – Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) Commissioner Troy Hebert issued emergency suspensions to five French Quarter bars, ordering them to stop selling alcohol and/or tobacco products immediately. The action follows a month-long investigation, called “Operation Trick or Treat”, which uncovered prostitution, illegal drug activities, and lewd/improper acts at the businesses.

“ATC is keeping a close eye on what’s going on in the French Quarter,” stated Commissioner Hebert. “This kind of illegal activity poses a concern for public safety and will not be tolerated.”

Following a tip from the New Orleans Police Department’s 8<sup>th</sup> District, ATC agents investigated more than a dozen complaints issued against several businesses in the French Quarter area. The State Police Crime Lab processed evidence collected during the course of the investigation. Case information from the operation has also been provided to State Police investigators to determine possible criminal charges.

“Public safety in the city of New Orleans continues to be a priority for law enforcement partners at all levels of government,” said Colonel Mike Edmonson, State Police Superintendent. “Our focus remains on illegal guns, drugs and fugitives as these factors directly contribute to the violence that we are all working diligently to stop.”

During the course of the operation, agents discovered that much of the illegal activities occurred at adult entertainment venues located on or near Bourbon St.

The investigation is ongoing and, at least, seven other businesses are also facing charges.

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The following businesses were issued emergency suspensions of their state alcohol and/or tobacco permits on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 and ordered to cease selling immediately:

<b>Business Owner</b>	<b>D/B/A</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Violations</b>
The House of the Rising Sun of Bourbon St. Inc.	Centerfolds Fais Deaux Deaux	411 Bourbon St.	5 cts. Prostitution 3 cts. CDS (drugs) 2 cts. Lewd/Improper Acts
Platinum Bourbon Inc.	Lipstixx/Fais Deaux Deaux	420 Bourbon St.	3 cts. Prostitution 3 cts. CDS (drugs) 3 cts. Lewd/Improper Acts
Silver Bourbon Inc.	The Mansion on Bourbon	416 Bourbon St.	6 cts. Prostitution 2 cts. CDS (drugs) 5 cts. Lewd/Improper Acts
Iberville Ladies LLC	Chez Joey	608 Iberville St.	3 cts. Prostitution 5 cts. CDS (drugs) 2 cts. Lewd/Improper Acts
Off Bourbon Inc.	Dixie Divas	606 Iberville St.	4 cts. Prostitution 3 cts. CDS (drugs) 1 ct. Lewd/Improper Acts

Administrative hearings to address the violations against the above businesses will be held in the coming weeks.

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